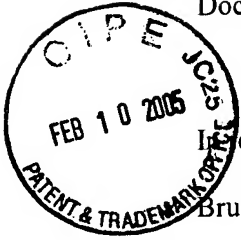


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We are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance dated January 31, 2005.

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Applicant hereby respectfully requests that:

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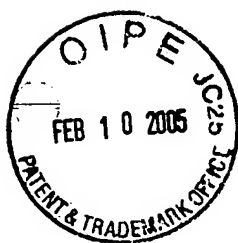
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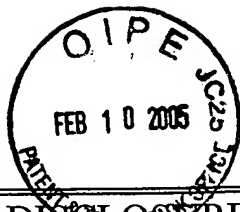
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